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TO: DIRECTOR (109-12-201) NR. 23-24

FROM: LEGAT BUENOS AIRES (109-2) (109-103)

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FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTERS-ARGENTINA; IS-ARGENTINA; ARGENTINE
TERRORIST ACTIVITIES.

ON DECEMBER 23, 1975, A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ABROAD WHO IS
A RANKING OFFICIAL OF THE ARGENTINE ARMY INTELLIGENCE SERVICE
(AIS), PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION: (S) (U)

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THE ~~ARGENTINE~~ ~~ARMY~~ ~~XXX~~ AIS, THROUGH SEVERAL PENETRATION
SOURCES IN THE MONTONERO GUERRILLA ORGANIZATION, ASCERTAINED
THAT THE MONTONEROS HAD SCHEDULED AN ATTACK AGAINST AN ARGENTINE
ARMY ARSENAL LOCATED IN MONTE CHINGOLO, BUENOS AIRES PROVINCE
(BAP), DURING THE AFTERNOON OF DECEMBER 23, 1975. THE SOURCE
ADVISED THAT THE ARGENTINE ARMY PREPARED AN AMBUSH AND WAITED
FOR THE MONTONEROS TO CARRY OUT THEIR PLANNED ACTION. AT
APPROXIMATELY 7:00 PM, DECEMBER 23, 1975, SEVERAL GROUPS OF
MONTONEROS NUMBERING IN EXCESS OF 100 INDIVIDUALS, BEGAN A
COORDINATED ATTACK AGAINST THE MONTE CHINGOLO ARSENAL. ADDITIONALLY (S) (U)

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~~SECRET~~OTHER DIVERSIONARY ATTACKS WERE CARRIED OUT AGAINST VARIOUS OTHER
POLICE AND ARMY INSTALLATIONS IN BAP. ~~(S) (U) FROM SECRETARY TANDER~~
~~SECRETARY TANDER~~THE ARGENTINE ARMY/ROUTED THE MONTONEROS, KILLING OVER
SIXTY AND WOUNDING AN UNDETERMINED NUMBER OF TERRORISTS.
ADDITIONALLY, NUMEROUS PRISONERS WERE TAKEN. ~~(S) (U)~~THE SOURCE ADVISED THAT THE ABOVE-DESCRIBED ACTION BY THE
ARGENTINE ARMY WAS THE MOST SEVERE BLOW EVER DEALT TO ARGENTINE
TERRORIST ORGANIZATIONS SINCE 1970. ~~(S) (U)~~~~CLASSIFIED BY 5931, XGDS-2.~~ADMINISTRATIVE. ~~XXXX~~ THE SOURCE IS COL. ALBERTO VALIN,
CHIEF, AIS. ~~(S) (U)~~

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WHERE SHOWN OTHERWISE.FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTERS-ARGENTINA; IS-ARGENTINA; ARGENTINE
TERRORIST ACTIVITIES; FPM-ARGENTINA.ON JANUARY 11, ^{AND 12} 1976, A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ABROAD WHO IS
A RANKING OFFICER OF THE ARGENTINE ARMY INTELLIGENCE SERVICE
(AAIS) PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION: (S) (U)A PENETRATION SOURCE OF THE AAIS IN THE MONTONERO GUERRILLA
ORGANIZATION ADVISED THAT THE MONTONEROS ARE PLANNING A SPECTACULAR
ACT IN ORDER TO PRESSURE THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT TO RELEASE
ROBERTO QUIETO, A ^{PROMINENT} MONTONERO LEADER WHO WAS EXTRA-LEGALLY DETAINED
BY THE ~~FEDERAL POLICE OF ARGENTINA (FPA)~~ AND THE AAIS. THE AAIS
SOURCE REPORTED THAT AS OF JANUARY 12, 1976, NO DEFINITE COURSE
OF ACTION HAD BEEN DECIDED UPON BY THE MONTONERO LEADERSHIP. (S) (U)IN ANALYZING THE ABOVE INFORMATION, THE AAIS BELIEVES THAT
THE MONTONEROS MIGHT ~~ATTEMPT TO~~ ^{SENIOR} KIDNAP A RANKING ARGENTINE
GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL OR A FOREIGN DIPLOMAT IN ORDER TO ATTEMPT TO
EXCHANGE THIS INDIVIDUAL FOR QUIETO. THE AAIS ALSO BELIEVES THERE
IS A POSSIBILITY THAT THE MONTONEROS MIGHT INSTITUTE A CAMPAIGN (S) (U)(5) - Bue (109-2) (109-103) (105-767 Montoneros)
(105-1699 R. Quieto) (80-205 Col. Valin)

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OF INDISCRIMINATE ASSASSINATIONS OF ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT
OFFICIALS OR FOREIGN DIPLOMATS UNTIL QUIETO IS RELEASED. INASMUCH
AS QUIETO IS BEING HELD EXTRALEGALLY BY THE AAIS, THERE IS NO
POSSIBILITY THAT ANY NEGOTIATIONS COULD BE ENTERED INTO WITH THE
MONTONEROS FOR HIS RELEASE. (S) (U)

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ADMINISTRATIVE. [SOURCE IS COL. ALBERTO VALIN, CHIEF, AAIS.] (S) (U)

REMYCABLE, JANUARY 9, 1976, CAPTIONED, "FOREIGN POLITICAL
MATTERS-ARGENTINA; IS-ARGENTINA," [REPORTING THE EXTRALEGAL
DETENTION OF QUIETO BY THE AAIS.] (S) (U)

(U) THE FOREGOING [AAIS] INTELLIGENCE IS EXCLUSIVE AND HAS BEEN
COORDINATED LOCALLY. [REDACTED] b1 per CIA

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EMBASSY
BASED ON THE FOREGOING INFORMATION, THE AMBASSADOR HAS
INSTITUTED RADICAL SECURITY MEASURES, SINCE THERE IS A POSSIBILITY

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THAT AN EMBASSY OFFICER MAY BE TARGETED BY THE MONTONEROS. CERTAIN EMBASSY OFFICERS HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED NOT TO REPORT TO THE EMBASSY AND TO REMAIN AT THEIR RESIDENCES DURING THE NEXT TWO WEEKS, WHICH IS THE CRITICAL PERIOD FOR THE MONTONEROS TO TAKE ACTION. ADDITIONAL PATROL AND ESCORT CARS ARE BEING SECURED AT CAR RENTAL COMPANIES AND BODYGUARDS ARE BEING ASSIGNED TO VARIOUS EMBASSY OFFICERS WHO AT THE PRESENT TIME DO NOT HAVE THEM. CERTAIN EMBASSY OFFICERS ARE BEING ORDERED BY THE AMBASSADOR TO TEMPORARILY VACATE THEIR RESIDENCES AND RESIDE AT THE SHERATON HOTEL IN BUENOS AIRES UNTIL THE CRITICAL PERIOD HAS PASSED.

I AM FOLLOWING THIS MATTER VERY CLOSELY AND WILL TAKE ALL NECESSARY SECURITY MEASURES TO PROTECT MYSELF AND MY STAFF. BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED.

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TO: DIRECTOR NR. 812-29

FROM: LEGAT, BUENOS AIRES (109-2) (109-103)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTERS-ARGENTINA; IS-ARGENTINA; ARGENTINE
TERRORIST ACTIVITIES; FPM-ARGENTINA.

ON JANUARY 29, 1976, A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ABROAD WHO IS
AN OFFICIAL OF THE BUENOS AIRES PROVINCIAL POLICE (BAPP)
INTELLIGENCE SERVICE, PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

ON JANUARY 29, 1976 AT APPROXIMATELY 9:45 A.M., FIFTEEN
ARMED INDIVIDUALS, INCLUDING TWO WOMEN, FORCIBLY TOOK OVER
THE BENDIX CORPORATION PLANT IN MUNRO, BUENOS AIRES PROVINCE.
THE INDIVIDUALS ENTERED THE BENDIX CORPORATION LOCATION IN A
PICKUP TRUCK AND FOUR AUTOMOBILES. THE INDIVIDUALS WERE
ARMED WITH AUTOMATIC WEAPONS. THE INTRUDERS DEMANDED THAT
THE PRESIDENT AND GENERAL MANAGER OF THE BENDIX CORPORATION BE
PRODUCED BUT WERE INFORMED THAT THE FORMER WAS IN EUROPE
AND THAT THE LATTER HAD NOT YET ARRIVED AT THE COMPANY
INSTALLATION. AT APPROXIMATELY THE SAME TIME THAT THE TERRORISTS

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WERE DEMANDING TO SEE THE BENDIX CORPORATION PRESIDENT AND GENERAL MANAGER, THE CHIEF OF PERSONNEL AND THE CHIEF OF INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS OF THE BENDIX CORPORATION, BOTH ARGENTINE CITIZENS, ARRIVED AT WORK. THE TERRORISTS UNCEREMONIOUSLY GUNNED THEM DOWN AND ALSO KILLED A BAPP CORPORAL WHO ATTEMPTED TO COME TO THE EXECUTIVES' DEFENSE.

THE BENDIX CORPORATION HAS BEEN HAVING RECENT LABOR PROBLEMS AND IT IS BELIEVED THAT THE MONTONERO GUERRILLA ORGANIZATION WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ABOVE-DESCRIBED ATTACK, ALTHOUGH AS OF 11:30 A.M., JANUARY 29, 1976, THE CUSTOMARY COMMUNIQUE FROM THE ORGANIZATION RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ASSASSINATIONS HAD NOT YET BEEN RECEIVED BY THE BUENOS AIRES NEWS MEDIA.

THE BENDIX CORPORATION IS AN ARGENTINE SUBSIDIARY OF THE BENDIX CORPORATION OF NEW YORK.

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ADMINISTRATIVE. SOURCE IS COMISARIO MAYOR OSVALDO DE BALDRICH, CHIEF OF INTELLIGENCE, BAPP.

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THE AMBASSADOR
VIA DCM

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LEGATT ROBERT W. SCHERRER

FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTERS-ARGENTINA

On 1/29/76 an official of the Buenos Aires Provincial Police (BAPP) Intelligence Service provided the following information:

On 1/29/76 at approximately 9:45 A. M., 15 armed individuals, including two women, forcibly took over the Bendix Corporation plant in Munro, Buenos Aires Province. The individuals entered the Bendix Corporation location in a pickup truck and four automobiles. The individuals were armed with automatic weapons. The intruders demanded that the President and General Manager of the Bendix Corporation be produced but were informed that the former was in Europe and that the latter had not yet arrived at the company installation. At approximately the same time that the terrorists were demanding to see the Bendix Corporation President and General Manager, the Chief of Personnel and the Chief of Industrial Relations of the Bendix Corporation, both Argentine citizens, arrived at work. The terrorists unceremoniously gunned them down and also killed a BAPP corporal who attempted to come to the executives' defense.

The Bendix Corporation has been having recent labor problems and it is believed that the Montonero guerrilla organization was responsible for the above-described attack, although as of 11:30 A. M., January 29, 1976, the customary communique from the organization responsible for the assassinations had not yet been received by the Buenos Aires news media.

The Bendix Corporation is an Argentine subsidiary of the Bendix Corporation of New York.

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FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTERS-PARAGUAY; FPM-MEXICO; FPM-ARGENTINA.

ON JANUARY 27, 1976, PASTOR CORONEL, CHIEF OF INVESTIGATIONS,
POLICE OF THE CAPITAL, ASUNCION, PARAGUAY PROVIDED THE
FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

DURING THE MORNING OF JANUARY 27, 1976, PARAGUAYAN PRESIDENT
ALFREDO STROESSNER CONSULTED WITH CORONEL CONCERNING INFORMATION
RECENTLY RECEIVED BY THE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT INDICATING THAT
THE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT WOULD BE WILLING TO ACCEPT AMILCAR
SANTUCHO AS A POLITICAL EXILE IN MEXICO SHOULD THE PARAGUAYAN
GOVERNMENT ALLOW HIM TO DEPART PARAGUAY.

IT IS NOTED THAT AMILCAR SANTUCHO, THE BROTHER OF MARIO
ROBERTO SANTUCHO, THE LEADER OF THE ARGENTINE TERRORIST
ORGANIZATION, THE PEOPLE'S REVOLUTIONARY ARMY (ERP), WAS ARRESTED

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DURING MAY, 1975 BY THE POLICE OF THE CAPITAL IN ASUNCION AFTER HE HAD ILLEGALLY ENTERED PARAGUAY USING FALSE ARGENTINE DOCUMENTATION.

CORONAL EXPRESSED HIS VIEW TO PRESIDENT STROESSNER THAT AMILCAR SANTUCHO SHOULD NOT BE PERMITTED TO LEAVE PARAGUAY FOR MEXICO, SINCE HE IS CONSIDERED BY CORONEL TO BE A DANGEROUS HIGH-RANKING TERRORIST AND THAT, SHOULD HE BE ALLOWED TO TRAVEL TO MEXICO, HE WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY CONTINUE HIS ACTIVITIES ON BEHALF OF THE ERP.

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ADMINISTRATIVE. REMYCABLE, JANUARY 5, 1976 UNDER THE TRIPLE CAPTION, "FPM-ARGENTINA; FPM-NORWAY; FPM-PARAGUAY", WHICH REPORTED INFORMATION INDICATING THAT THE NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT HAD BEEN APPROACHED FOR THE PURPOSE OF SOUNDING OUT THE ~~RESEEN~~ POSSIBILITIES OF ACCEPTING AMILCAR SANTUCHO AS A POLITICAL EXILE IN NORWAY.

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REMYCABLE, JUNE 6, 1975 CAPTIONED, "JORGE ISAAC FUENTES,
AKA, IS-CHILE; IS-PARAGUAY; FPC", WHICH REPORTED THE ARREST
OF AMILCAR SANTUCHO.

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A MEMBER OF THE CHILEAN TERRORIST ORGANIZATION, MOVEMENT
OF THE REVOLUTIONARY LEFT (MIR), WHO WAS APPREHENDED WITH
AMILCAR SANTUCHO, HAD BEEN SUMMARILY EXECUTED BY THE POLICE
OF THE CAPITAL IN ASUNCION. (S) (U)

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FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTERS-ARGENTINA; IS-ARGENTINA; ARGENTINE
TERRORIST ACTIVITIES; FPM-ARGENTINA.

ON FEBRUARY 9, 1976, A RANKING OFFICIAL OF THE ARGENTINE
ARMY INTELLIGENCE SERVICE (AAIS) PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING
INFORMATION: (S) (U)

AT APPROXIMATELY 7:30 P.M., FEBRUARY 9, 1976, A POWERFUL
BOMB DETONATED IN THE APARTMENT OF MARCOS LANUSSE BELL, THE
SON OF FORMER ARGENTINE PRESIDENT, LT. GENERAL ALEJANDRO
AGUSTIN LANUSSE. FORMER PRESIDENT LANUSSE'S DAUGHTER-IN-LAW
MARIA CARIDE DE LANUSSE, WHO WAS INSIDE THE APARTMENT WHEN THE
BOMB DETONATED, WAS KILLED IMMEDIATELY. FORMER PRESIDENT (S) (U)

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- 1 - 80-173 [Capt. Lucero] (S) (U)
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LANUSSE, WHO WAS OUTSIDE OF BUENOS AIRES ON FEBRUARY 9, 1976, HAD BEEN SCHEDULED TO RETURN TO BUENOS AIRES WITH HIS SON MARCOS, WHO IS A PARAPLEGIC, BUT DELAYED HIS RETURN TO THE CITY DUE TO ^ALAST MINUTE OCCURRENCE. SHOULD FORMER PRESIDENT LANUSSE HAVE FOLLOWED HIS ORIGINAL SCHEDULE, HE PROBABLY WOULD HAVE BEEN IN THE APARTMENT WHEN THE POWERFUL BOMB DETONATED. (S) (U)

ON FEBRUARY 10, 1976, ANOTHER OFFICIAL OF THE AAIS PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION: (S) (U)

THE AAIS, THROUGH A PENETRATION SOURCE OF THE MONTONERO GUERRILLA ORGANIZATION, ASCERTAINED THAT THE MONTONEROS WERE PLANNING TO ASSASSINATE ARMY GENERAL ADEL VILAS, WHO HAD COMMANDED THE ARGENTINE ARMY ANTI-GUERRILLA CAMPAIGN IN THE PROVINCE OF TUCUMAN. IT IS NOTED THAT GENERAL VILAS IS SCHEDULED TO TAKE OVER THE COMMAND OF THE FIFTH ARMY CORPS IN BAHIA BLANCA ON FEBRUARY 11, 1976. ACTING ON THE INFORMATION THAT GENERAL VILAS HAD BEEN TARGETED FOR ASSASSINATION, THE AAIS ASCERTAINED THAT THE MONTONEROS PLANNED TO POISON GENERAL VILAS UTILIZING AN ARGENTINE ARMY DRAFTEE TO PLANT THE POISON IN GENERAL VILAS' FOOD. THE DRAFTEE INVOLVED WAS (S) (U)

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IDENTIFIED AND IS UNDER INTENSIVE INTERROGATION AT THE PRESENT TIME. ~~(S)~~ (U)

THE AAIS BELIEVE THAT THE ABOVE-DESCRIBED TERRORIST ACTS WERE CARRIED OUT BY THE MONTONEROS IN RETALIATION FOR THE EXTRA-LEGAL DETENTION OF MONTONERO GUERRILLA LEADER ROBERTO QUIETO, WHO WAS PICKED UP BY AGENTS OF THE AAIS AND FEDERAL POLICE OF ARGENTINA (FPA) OFFICERS ON DECEMBER 28, 1975. ~~(S)~~ (U)

THE SECOND SOURCE NOTED THAT ^{TO HIS} ~~THERE IS~~ KNOWLEDGE THAT THE PLANNED PROJECTED POISONING OF GENERAL VILAS IS THE FIRST INSTANCE OF TERRORISTS UTILIZING THIS MEASURE. ~~(S)~~ (U)

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SECOND SOURCE IS CAPTAIN JUAN LUCERO, COMMANDER, AAIS POLITICAL INTELLIGENCE BATTALION. ~~(S)~~ (U)

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ON MARCH 29, 1976, A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ABROAD, WHO IS AN
 OFFICIAL OF THE BUENOS AIRES PROVINCIAL POLICE (BAPP) INTELLIGENCE
 SERVICE PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

ON MARCH 26, 1976, TERRORISTS ATTACKED THE RESIDENCE OF A
 FORD MOTOR COMPANY ENGINEER IN HURLINGHAM, BUENOS AIRES PROVINCE,
 FOR THE APPARENT PURPOSE OF KIDNAPPING THE ENGINEER. DURING
 THE GUN BATTLE AT THE RESIDENCE, TWO FORD MOTOR COMPANY
 SECURITY GUARDS WERE SLAIN AND THEIR WEAPONS STOLEN.

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ADMINISTRATIVE - SOURCE IS COMISARIO MAYOR OSVALDO DE
 BALDRICH, CHIEF, BAPP INTELLIGENCE SERVICE.

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VIA DCM

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LEGAL ATTACHE ROBERT W. SCHERRER

**MONTONERO BOMB ATTACK
AGAINST CHRYSLER CORPORATION,
BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA, 3/22/76**

As reported in the news media, the Montoneros carried out a bomb attack on 3/22/76 at a storage lot of the Chrysler Corporation in San Justo, Buenos Aires Province. There were no personal injuries and moderate material damage as a result of the bombing.

On 3/30/76, HERB LESHINSKY, Chrysler Managing Director, advised that the above described bombing almost resulted in the loss of considerable lives at the Chrysler factory in San Justo. LESHINSKY explained that the Montonero bomb had been placed in a Dodge pick-up truck, which was stored on a holding lot in preparation to be re-introduced into the assembly line inside the Chrysler facility. LESHINSKY noted that the Dodge pick-up truck in which the Montonero bomb had been placed would have entered the assembly line within ten minutes after the bomb exploded. LESHINSKY noted that if the Dodge pick-up truck had entered inside the Chrysler facility as part of the assembly line, approximately seventy-five workers would have been in the immediate vicinity should the bomb have detonated inside the Chrysler facility.

LESHINSKY reported that the bomb was extremely powerful and that the Dodge pick-up truck in which it had been placed was reduced to scrap metal. LESHINSKY noted that the roof of this Dodge pick-up truck was projected approximately fifty yards through the air landing on the roof of a storage shed on the holding lot.

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ON APRIL 2, 1976, A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ABROAD, WHO
IS AN OFFICIAL OF THE FEDERAL POLICE OF ARGENTINA (FPA),
DEPARTMENT OF FEDERAL SECURITY (INTELLIGENCE DIVISION) PROVIDED
THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION: (S) (U)

FROM MARCH 1, 1976, TO APRIL 1, 1976, THIRTY-TWO POLICE
OFFICERS HAVE BEEN ASSASSINATED THROUGHOUT ARGENTINA. SINCE THE
MARCH 23-24, 1976, MILITARY INTERVENTION OF THE PERON GOVERNMENT
IN ARGENTINA, TWO SENIOR FPA OFFICIALS HAVE BEEN ASSASSINATED
BY TERRORISTS AND ANOTHER SENIOR FPA OFFICIAL NARROWLY ESCAPED A
TERRORIST ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT. (S) (U)

ON APRIL 2, 1976, A SECOND CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ABROAD,
WHO IS A KNOWLEDGEABLE OFFICIAL OF THE ARGENTINE ARMY INTELLIGENCE
SERVICE (AAIS) PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION: (S) (U)

FROM RECENTLY ACQUIRED INTELLIGENCE, THE AAIS ASCERTAINED THAT
TACTICS OF ARGENTINE TERRORISTS WILL BE TO CONDUCT AN ACCELERATED (S) (U)

1 - 80-173 (Capt. LUCERO) (S) (U)
1 - 80- [Com. Gen. BESTEIRO] (S) (U)

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CAMPAIGN OF ASSASSINATIONS OF ARGENTINE POLICE AND MILITARY PERSONNEL IN AN EFFORT TO PROVOKE THE MILITARY GOVERNMENT INTO VIOLENT RETALIATION IN ORDER TO DISCREDIT THE GOVERNMENT, WHICH, SINCE THE MARCH 23-24, 1976, MILITARY INTERVENTION, HAS FOLLOWED A MODERATE COURSE. SHOULD THE MILITARY GOVERNMENT LED BY THE PRESIDENT, ARMY LIEUTENANT GENERAL JORGE RAFAEL VIDELA, FAIL TO REACT TO TERRORIST PROVOCATIONS, THE TERRORISTS HOPE THAT MORE RADICAL OFFICERS IN THE ARGENTINE MILITARY WILL TAKE STEPS TO TAKE OVER THE MILITARY GOVERNMENT BY REMOVING THE INCUMBENT MODERATE MILITARY JUNTA WHICH INCLUDES PRESIDENT VIDELA AND UNLEASHING A BLOODBATH AGAINST LEFTISTS AND TERRORISTS. (S) (U)

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SECOND SOURCE IS [COMISARIO GENERAL ENRIQUE BESTEIRO, DIRECTOR OF FEDERAL SECURITY, FPA.] (S) (U) COORDINATED LOCALLY.

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